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## **RAVE ALERT: Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken Shares Important Updates on Main Street, Gloucester Businesses & Beaches, and the Quarries**

Hi, this is Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken sharing some important updates about Main Street, the beaches and the quarries.

Sections of the right side of Main Street from the Hancock Street area to the West End have been cordoned off to allow for al fresco dining. With the loss of these parking spots parking will be enforced on Main Street beginning Saturday, June 27.

We encourage diners, residents, employees, and guests to park in the adjacent lots at 65 Rogers Street (I4C2) and Warren/Middle Street. The City will offer free parking at these locations through Wednesday, July 1.

We are thrilled that businesses from every area of Gloucester have taken advantage of our streamlined permitting process and are offering outdoor dining and shopping experiences throughout the City. With Step 2 of Phase 2 underway there are a variety of additional businesses opening their doors and ready to serve you. Please continue to support our local businesses. By spending your dollars locally, you are helping support our neighbors and investing in our community's recovery.

With a continued stretch of pleasant weather expected we wanted to remind you that we will monitor beach capacity and tide conditions. Last weekend, non-resident parking had reached capacity by 9 a.m. and a noon high tide further prompted the temporary closure, for approximately 2.5 hours, of the footbridge at Good Harbor to all walk on traffic. Please know that if at any time circumstances arise we may need to once again temporarily limit access. Real time updates will be available on Gloucester Beaches and Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken's Facebook.

Also a reminder, the Department of Conservation and Recreation has issued a warning to the public of the presence of lion's mane jellyfish along Massachusetts' North Shore. They have

been spotted in Gloucester Harbor. Please be attentive if you go to the beach. Do not touch them and if you see one alert a lifeguard as soon as possible.

Due to significantly increased number of visitors as well as public safety concerns, the Lanesville quarries and access trails will temporarily close beginning Monday, June 29 until further notice.

As of yesterday, sadly, 24 individuals from Gloucester had died from this awful virus. These were our family, friends and neighbors. They are constantly in my thoughts and we continue to offer our love and support to their families and loved ones.

Of the 257 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the City of Gloucester, 231 had recovered and there were two active cases. This is very promising news but we CANNOT let down our guard and we MUST remain vigilant to keep each other safe and limit a second surge.

Please continue to wear a mask or face covering when out in public, maintain a safe physical distance of 6 feet from others, wash and sanitize your hands and frequently touched surfaces often, and stay home if you're are sick.

On what would you have been Fiesta weekend I leave you with this – VIVA SAN PIETRO!

Thank you.